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Four facts about indigent households



A closer look at those households that are unable to afford access to basic services (click [here](#) to read more).

Government spending in the spotlight



Civil servant salaries take up 42% of total government spending (click [here](#) to read more).

Tourism jobs grow despite sluggish economy



The sector has shown resilience in the face of a tough economic climate (click [here](#) to read more).

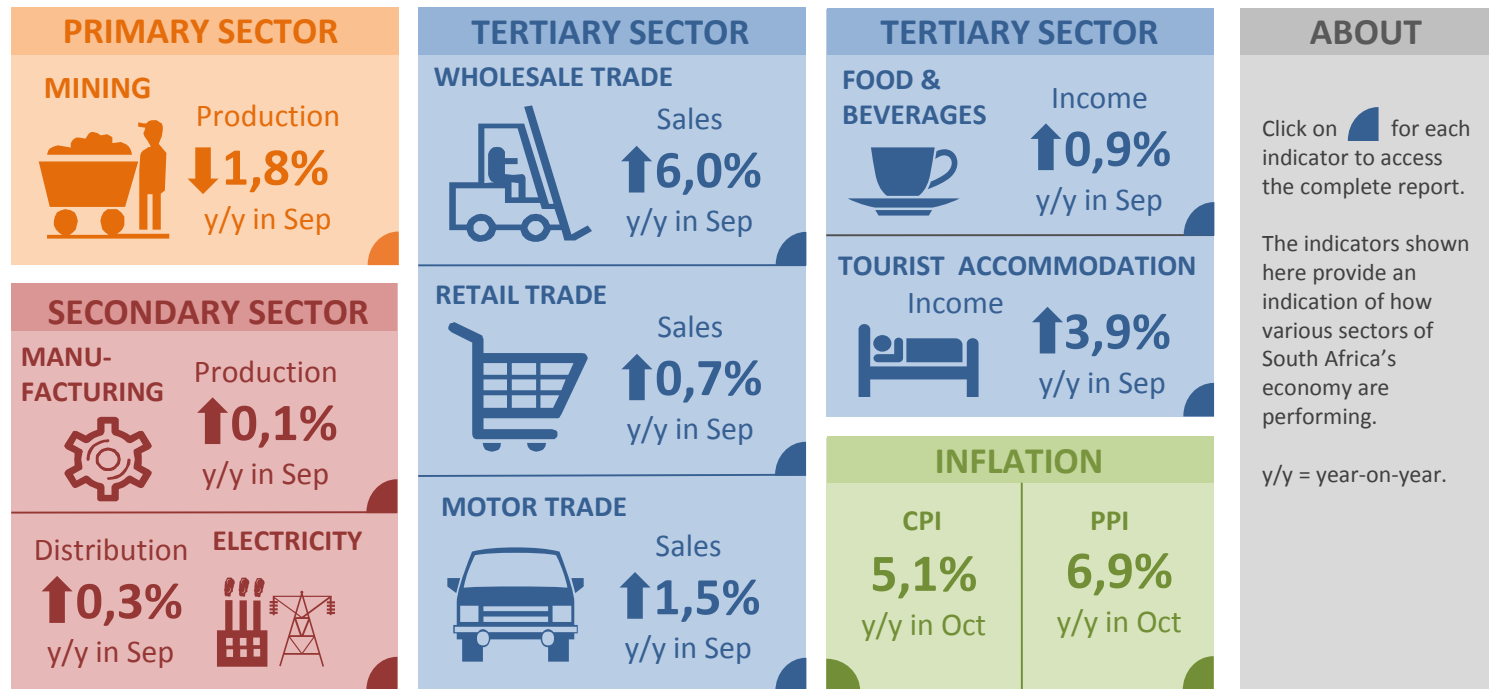
World Toilet Day 2018



Many households continue to be without access to sanitation facilities (click [here](#) to read more).

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Monthly economic indicators



Feature article

The recession ends as GDP rises by 2,2%

The South African economy grew by 2,2% quarter-on-quarter in the third quarter of 2018, bringing to an end the country's second recession since 1994.

Higher contributions to growth in a number of industries – most notably in manufacturing, transport as well as finance and business services – were enough to lift economic growth back into positive territory.

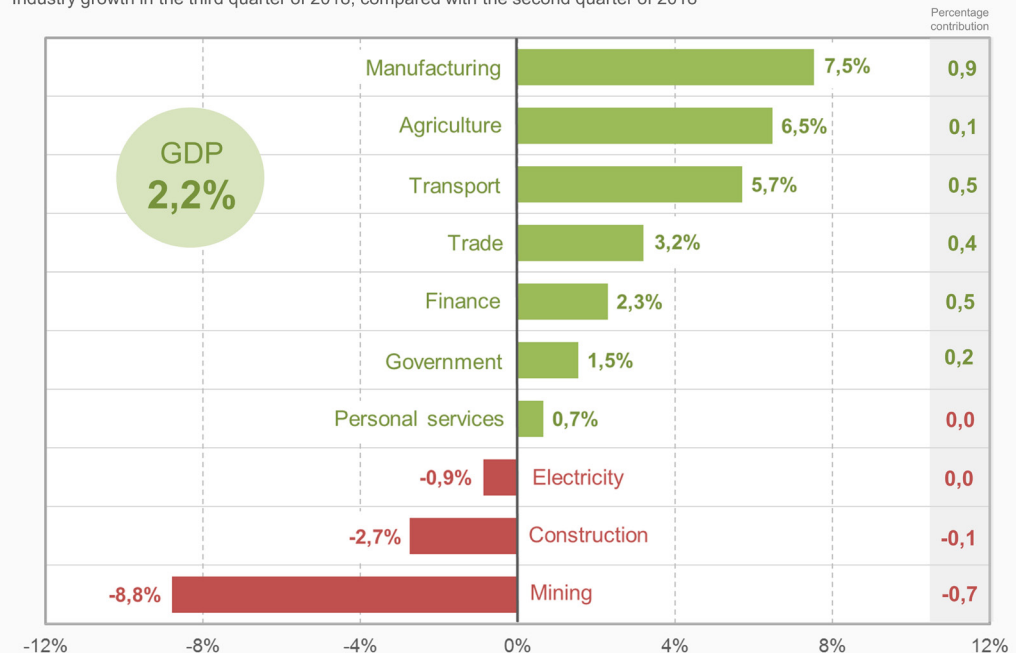
Manufacturing was the main driver of positive growth. The industry grew by 7,5%, largely a result of increased production of basic iron and steel, metal products and machinery; wood and paper; petroleum products; and motor vehicles.

The transport, storage and communication industry rebounded by 5,7%, making it the second largest contributor to overall growth.

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How did South African industries perform in the third quarter of 2018?

Industry growth in the third quarter of 2018, compared with the second quarter of 2018



Seasonally adjusted and annualised Source: Gross domestic product (GDP), 3rd quarter 2018

Infographic of the month

What does government spend money on?

The infographic shows a breakdown of what government's spending priorities were in the 2016/17 fiscal year. The bulk of general government expenditure was on the following four functions: general public services (24%); education (19%); social protection (14%); and health (12%).

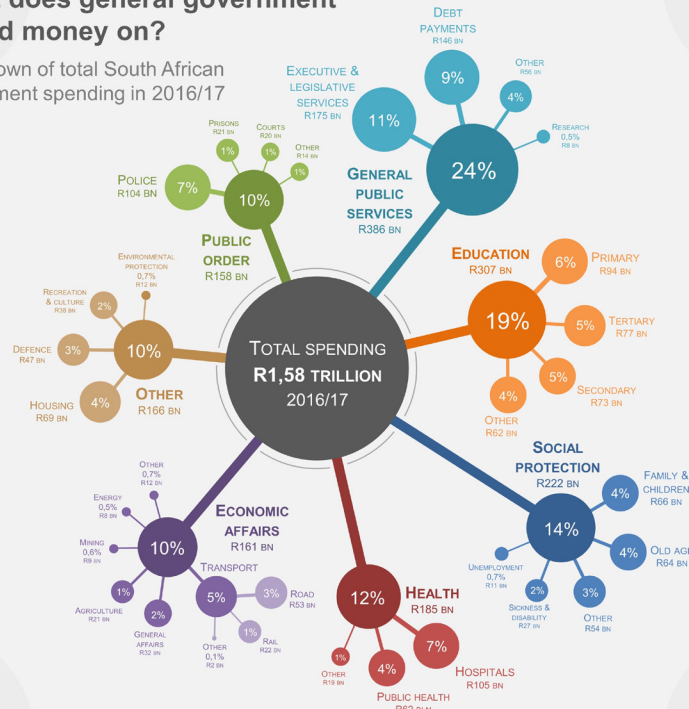
Unpacking some of the expenditure, it is evident that more money was spent on police services (R104 billion) than on housing (R69 billion) in 2016/17.

Payments on public debt, under general public services, totalled R146 billion or 9% of total expenditure, higher than the amount spent on hospital services (R105 billion) or tertiary education (R77 billion).

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What does general government spend money on?

Breakdown of total South African government spending in 2016/17



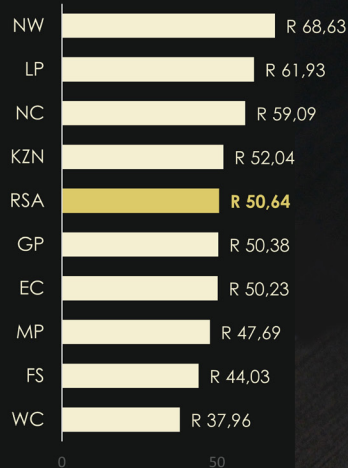
Percentages have been rounded and may not sum to 100%

Source: Financial statistics of consolidated general government, 2016/2017 (Table C)

Provincial snapshot

Where in South Africa should you buy your cake?

Average price for a cake by province in October 2018



Cake Day
2018



Source: Consumer Price Index (CPI), October 2018

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